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## Swallowing Democratic Recommendations.

(Missouri State Journal.)

The surrender of the "old guard" in the Senate on taxation questions is all the more remarkable when it is borne in mind that virtually all of compromise proposals, submitted by the progressive group and accepted by Lodge and Penrose, originated on the Democratic side. The Republican majority in the Senate is nearly as large as it was in 1905, under Roosevelt, and it would be presumed that this majority could initiate its own legislative policies. Yet the essential features of the suggested agreement on tax legislation come from the recommendations made in the report of the Democratic minority of the Senate Committee on Finance. It matters not that the so-called agricultural bloc adopted them in part, they were Democratic proposals.

The minority report proposed to increase the surtax on incomes, as provided in the bill, from 32 per cent to 52 per cent. The compromise is 50 per cent.

The minority report proposed to restore the tax on capitalization, which had been eliminated in the first Republican draft. The compromise restores the tax.

The minority report proposed the repeal of all transportation taxes, and a reduction of miscellaneous taxes. Both provisions are found in the compromise agreement.

The minority report proposed the elimination of the \$2,000 exemption on corporation incomes. The compromise provides that this exemption shall be repealed, except in the case of incomes of less than \$20,000.

These are the vital features of the compromise, and, as a compromise, are without parallel in legislative history. There have been instances of concessions to the minority where the membership is nearly evenly divided, but never before has a great majority yielded its program in such large measure to the views of the minority. The situation illustrates the plight of the Republican leaders. The murmurs that have followed their action bid fair to force further revisions, by the abandonment of the concessions mentioned. There are pledges to be kept to campaign contributors. There are pledges to big business and to the rich, touching upon the excess profits and surtaxes, and these cannot be passed over even to make it possible to complete the legislation in hand. So, the G. O. P. may be put to the necessity of backtracking again, in order that there may be peace in the family.

## No Tax Relief.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

The partisan fight in the Senate on the revenue bill may be interesting as a spectacle, but what is wanted and needed is relief from taxes that are weighing so heavily upon the American people. Hope for such relief may now definitely be abandoned.

Various efforts by Senator Gerry of Rhode Island, Senator Harris of Georgia and Senator Walsh of Massachusetts to procure a reduction on \$5000 incomes have been defeated. Meantime the reductions on larger incomes, as provided in the House bill, have been pretty well wiped out. On incomes from \$10,000 to \$24,000 there have been considerable reductions, but from that amount up to a million the decrease in taxes is too inconsequential to have any appreciable industrial effect. Complaints that the present law has driven wealth into tax-exempt securities and diverted it from expanding established enterprises or launching new projects lie equally against the pending measure.

Disappointing as this will be it is a result for which the public should have been prepared. The Post-Dispatch has repeatedly pointed out that no substantial relief from war-time taxes could be had without substantial reductions in expenditures. The Government's one great opportunity for retrenchment was in army and navy costs and that opportunity has resolutely been ignored. The argument that other nations have immense military budgets and that, therefore, we have had no choice in the matter but have been obliged to build ship for ship, is not an argument. It is, of course, a fact, but it is a fact which might have been very materially qualified had the United States, as soon as the war was ended, joined with the other nations in the great work of world restoration and reconstruction. The failure of the United States to take such action is chargeable to the Republican Senators.

We refused to go into the League of

Nations. We elected to go on our own. It was a costly decision. How costly it was is indicated by the Penrose-Fordney revenue bill.

## Local Paper Does Great Work.

"The Missouri home town paper may really become the most important single agency in the dissemination of new and improved methods of agriculture," says F. B. Mumford, Dean of the Missouri College of Agriculture. "More than one million copies of the home town papers are printed weekly in Missouri. Each issue is closely read by farmers and those engaged in occupations closely related to farming. The new discoveries made by the College of Agriculture are thus given immediate circulation and carried directly to the persons for whom the discoveries have the greatest significance."

"The public spirited editors and managers of the local papers of Missouri are entitled to the highest commendation for the service they have rendered the state and nation in their promotion of agricultural development."

## New Constitution Election January 31.

Governor Hyde last Friday issued a call for a special state election to be held on January 31, next, for the election of 83 delegates to a convention to revise the State constitution or draft a new one. Two delegates from each of the 34 senatorial districts and 15 delegates at large to be chosen from the entire state, are to be elected. The two delegates from each of the senatorial districts must be of opposite politics, who are to be nominated at a district convention. The fifteen delegates at large are to be nominated by petition.

## Not Too Late For Lime.

Limestone applied as a top-dressing on wheat during late fall or early winter can usually be expected to give satisfactory results if clover is seeded in the wheat the following spring. This timely assurance comes from P. F. Schowengerdt of the Missouri College of Agriculture. The limestone in this case would not be of much benefit to the wheat crop but might mean the difference between a good stand of clover and none at all. Farmers who were unable to secure limestone in time to apply prior to seeding their wheat this fall should not give up the idea of liming this year but should therefore apply the lime whenever it can be procured.

Where limestone is to be applied as a top-dressing on growing wheat it is, of course, impossible to work it into the soil. Consequently it is very important that only a high-grade, finely ground material be used and that an amount slightly in excess of the usual requirement be applied.

Some farmers in Missouri who spread limestone on their wheat last winter obtained splendid results in the clover crop that grew in the wheat stubble this summer. Where there is difficulty in getting a stand of clover and lime could not be applied before seeding wheat this fall, it will be very much worth while to try top-dressing the wheat with a good application of high grade limestone.

## Ed Creasy Acquitted of Murder Charge.

(Greenville Sun.)

The jury in the case of the state against Ed Creasy, returned a verdict of not guilty in the circuit court here last Saturday morning. Creasy listened coolly to the reading of the verdict and made no demonstration except to shake hands with the jurors. Mrs. Creasy made no attempt to conceal her delight at the verdict, and left the court room with her husband a few minutes later, her face beaming with joy.

Creasy, who at the time was city marshal of Piedmont, shot and killed James H. Turner, a deputy constable of Benton township, on the streets of Piedmont on July 15, 1921, when Turner attempted to serve a warrant on Creasy. The shooting was witnessed by a number of people who testified at the coroner's inquest and at the trial in the circuit court here. Immediately following the shooting Creasy was placed under arrest and was held in the jail at Ironton and at Greenville under a charge of murder in the first degree, until he was released by the verdict of the jury last Saturday.

The selection of the jury, the hearing of the evidence and the argument of counsel in this case took up all of the time of the adjourned term. It was just after noon Wednesday when the first witness was called, and before noon Friday all of the evidence

had been heard. It required some time for the preparation of instructions, and it was nearly 2 o'clock Friday afternoon when Prosecuting Attorney Raney opened the argument for the state. At 10:20 Saturday morning the jury announced ready to report.

The court room was filled with people during the trial, and the room was literally jammed with interested spectators while the argument of attorneys was in progress. The attorneys for the state asked for the extreme penalty, while counsel for the defense pleaded for acquittal on the grounds of self defense. There was nothing new of a startling nature brought out at the trial. The state proved that Turner was serving as a legally appointed deputy constable of Benton township at the time he was shot. Witnesses for the defense testified that Turner made a movement with his right hand as if to draw a pistol from his shirt bosom when the shooting began. Witnesses for the state told substantially the same story of the shooting that they testified to before the coroner's jury at Piedmont the day following the tragedy.

## Russia and North Dakota.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

The speech of Premier Lenin admitting the failure of communism is reported by the Rosta agency, a bolshevik institution. It, therefore, may be accepted as official. The Soviet Government can hardly have joined in "propaganda" against itself. The explanation, moreover, omits the usual reasons with which the Lenin communiques used to account for unfulfilled promises and defeated hopes, such as the "blockade" and the military invasions of Russia "financed by the capitalistic Governments." Lenin now confesses that "our economic policies did not create that raising of productive powers which was recognized in the party program as fundamental and urgent."

Meanwhile the failure of another more or less communistic undertaking is recorded. The formulae of North Dakota's Non-Partisan Leagues seem to have been as ineffectual as the direct action of bolshevism. North Dakota, to be sure, never suffered from a blockade and never had to fight off the mercenary troops of the capitalistic system, but the Townley dream is still below the horizon. The latest expression of public disillusionment in that State is an injunction procured by taxpayers preventing the State-controlled Bank of North Dakota from receiving any more deposits. It is alleged that the bank is insolvent. With the various other State owned and operated enterprises in actual or prospective collapse, North Dakota citizens, evidently, are trying to get under as soon as they can.

The Lenines and Townleys appear periodically with their panaceas, but every such adventure confirms the verity that there is only one way to business success—the prosaic way blazed out by hard work and thrift.

## Peoples Bank to Pay Dividend.

(Bismarck Gazette.)

Del Longreear, special deputy commissioner in charge of the Peoples Bank, informs the Gazette that his reports which he filed with the State Banking Department were approved without a question, and upon his presentation of same to Hon. Peter H. Huck, Judge of the St. Francois Circuit Court, the Court approved the same and ordered the payment of a dividend to all the depositors, whose claims were filed according to law. The dividend amounts to 83 per cent. This 83 per cent to be paid represents the greater part of the assets that have been converted into cash, and other payment will be made as fast as the money is collected in.

Mr. Longreear is of the opinion that eventually all depositors will be paid in full, as the assets are sufficient to warrant this, and it is only a question of time until they can be converted into cash.

## John Griffin and Mrs. Steagall Must Face Murder Charge.

(Lead Belt News.)

The mystery surrounding the death of Chris Steagall, who was shot from ambush while driving on the old chat road between Bonne Terre and Leadwood, January 5, 1918, may be cleared up as the result of the arrest of John Griffin and Steagall's widow who are now in jail at Farmington. They had been living together in Reynolds County. They were brought to this county last Sunday and charged with Steagall's murder. It is alleged that Griffin had been intimate

with Mrs. Steagall previous to the time of the murder of her husband.

Griffin was suspected of the crime at the time the murder was committed and was placed under arrest, but for want of sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction the charge against him was not pressed at that time.

The Steagall family had four children, the eldest being only 11 years. Some time after the death of their father the children were taken away from their mother by R. C. Tucker, judge of the juvenile court. They were placed in a home-finding institution for children in St. Louis.

The county authorities now claim they have secured sufficient evidence to make a strong case against both Griffin and the woman. Their trial will be held at the November term of the circuit court.

## Bursum's Plurality Only One-Half of Harding's in New Mexico.

The recent election of Holm O. Bursum to the United States Senate from New Mexico has been widely heralded in the Republican press as a great Republican victory and Mr. Bursum's plurality has been variously statted at 7,000, 9,000 add 10,000. Senator Bursum himself, according to the leading Republican paper of New Mexico, spread broadcast the allegation that he had won by 9,000, and apparently has never thought it necessary to correct this false impression.

The official election returns show Senator Bursum's plurality to be 5,505, approximately one-half the 11,000 majority for Harding last year.

It is asserted by Senator Bursum's supporters that he was given a vote of confidence. On this basis, out of a total vote of 71,761 Senator Bursum's "vote of confidence" is expressed in his majority of 1,949, which is far from an overwhelming vote of approval in a campaign in which the principal Republican dependence was, to quote the same Republican paper, "a heavy slush-barrel."

## Bellevue News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell and little son recently visited relatives in Potosi.

Mrs. W. A. Boring and son, Wesley, spent a few days with Mrs. Boring's mother at Belgrade last week.

Sunday week Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lasater had as guests: Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Meador and daughters, of Flat River; Walter Bollinger and family of Elvins; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Robison and little daughter of Arcadia; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Paulus and little baby of Oklahoma City.

Misses Villa Reese and Mary Stanfield of Ironton were week-end visitors of Miss Nora Bell last week.

F. J. McCall of St. Louis visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. W. Bynum returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives and friends in Charleston, Mo., Clinton, Ky., and Martin, Tenn.

Joe McCall, who has been confined to his bed most of the time the past eight months with tubercular trouble, is slightly improved and is spending this week with his mother, two miles south of town. We truly hope his improvement will be steady and permanent.

Robert Bynnm and Paul Lasater were in Farmington Saturday.

The children gave quite an interesting Halloween program and supper at the school house last Friday evening. Principal G. W. Farrar and Miss Emma Townsend are to be congratulated for the success of the affair. Our school is progressing splendidly under the leadership of these young people.

## Neal's Creek Items.

We are having ideal weather but lots of sickness.

Mrs. Emma Shipp is visiting her son, J. H. Shipp, at Belgrade.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stricklin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Park, near Bixby, Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Hedgeoth of Leadwood was called to the bedside of her son, Alfred, who is very low with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parks and family visited relatives near Buick Sunday.

M. E. Henderson and family of Doyle visited E. O. Stricklin and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Day of Bixby spent Sunday at R. Midgett's.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Copeland, October 11th, a fine girl.

Herbert Martin of East End has moved to Doyle where he will engage in the mercantile business.

Frank Crocker made a business trip to Belgrade Monday.

## Academy Theatre.

"Lochinvar o' the Line"

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Jack Dempsey in "Daredevil Jack"

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stricklin called on Dr. Stafford at Boss Saturday.

Mrs. S. P. Stricklin is on the sick list.

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Write for information or appointment.

NOTE—Dr. Fuldner's visits to Ironton are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

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## Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, October 24, 1921:

Days of Week.	Day of Month	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday	18	78	52	
Wednesday	19	70	42	
Thursday	20	61	42	
Friday	21	68	30	
Saturday	22	76	32	
Sunday	23	79	44	
Monday	24	83	44	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

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